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Dear Dr. Draper:

On November 1-2, 2010, Jack Berges and Ken Hendrix, Region 9 Laboratory Certification Officers, conducted an on-site evaluation of the State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory - North in Richmond, California. The purpose of the evaluation was to renew certification of the laboratory for measurement of organic and inorganic chemical contaminants in drinking water samples under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act. A copy of the evaluation report is enclosed.

Based on the site visit and review of current and past proficiency testing results, I am pleased to certify the CDPH Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory - North for regulated drinking water parameters determined via these methods:

Inorganic Method

EPA 200.7	sodium
EPA 200.8	antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium and thallium
EPA 200.9	antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium and thallium
EPA 245.1	mercury
EPA 300.1	fluoride, nitrite, nitrate, chlorite, bromate
Quickchem	cyanide
10-204-00-1-X	

Organic Method

EPA 504.1	ethylene dibromide (EDB) and dibromochloropropane (DBCP)
EPA 524.2	benzene, carbon tetrachloride, chlorobenzene, p-dichlorobenzene, o-dichlorobenzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethylene, cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, trans-1,2-dichloroethylene, dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloropropane, ethyl benzene, styrene, tetrachloroethylene, toluene, 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1,-trichloroethane, 1,1,2-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, vinyl chloride, xylenes (total), trihalomethanes (total)

EPA 508	chlordane, endrin, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorocyclopentadiene, lindane, methoxychlor, toxaphene, PCB (screen only)
EPA 508A	PCB as decachlorobiphenyl
EPA 515.3	2,4-D, pentachlorophenol, picloram, dinoseb, dalapon, and 2,4,5- TP (silvex)
EPA 525.2	benzo(a)pyrene, di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, di(2- ethylhexyl)phthalate, alachlor, atrazine, simazine
EPA 531.1	carbofuran and oxamyl
EPA 547	glyphosate
EPA 548.1	endothall
EPA 549.2	diquat
EPA 552.3	haloacetic acids (HAA-5)

Full certification will remain in effect until November 1, 2013, contingent on satisfactory annual analyses of the required proficiency testing samples. The laboratory must also notify Region 9 of any significant change in personnel, equipment, or laboratory location within 30 days of such change.

I appreciate the courtesies extended to Mr. Berges and Mr. Hendrix during their visit to your laboratory.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lindsay
Acting Assistant Regional Administrator
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Enclosure

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